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Idaho Mink Production up 10.5 Percent

Mink pelt production in Idaho in 2006 totaled 203,000 pelts, up 10.5 percent from 2005. The number of pelts by color class as a percent of the total Idaho production in 2006 is as follows: Black at 38.9 percent, Mahogany at 36.4 percent, Demi/Wild at 6.4 percent, and Blue Iris at 5.7 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 12.6 percent. Female mink bred to produce kits in 2007 totaled 52,890, up 4.5 percent from the previous year.

Mink pelt production in the United States in 2006 totaled 2.86 million pelts, up 8 percent from 2005. Wisconsin, the largest mink producing State, produced 885,100 pelts. Utah, the second largest producing State, produced 622,840 pelts. The number of pelts by color class as a percent of the total U.S. production in 2006 is as follows: Black at 49 percent, Mahogany at 21 percent, Blue Iris at 10 percent, Demi/Wild at 6 percent, White at 4 percent, and Sapphire at 4 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 6 percent. Mink pelts produced during the 2006 crop year were valued at \$136 million, down 15 percent from \$161 million a year ago. The average price per pelt for the 2006 crop year was \$47.50, down from \$60.90 in 2005. Female mink bred to produce kits in 2007 totaled 684,640, up 5 percent from the previous year. Percent of total females bred to produce kits in 2007 by color class are: Black at 51 percent, Mahogany at 20 percent, Blue Iris at 10 percent, Demi/Wild at 5 percent, White at 4 percent and Sapphire at 4 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 6 percent. There were 271 mink farms producing pelts in 2006, down 1 percent from a year ago. Leading States were Wisconsin with 68 farms, Utah with 66 farms, and Idaho with 27. There were 16 mink farms which also raised fox in 2006, down from 19 the previous year.

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